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- BEFORE RECEIPT OF REF A LAST WEEK, GSO OFFICER WHO IS ACTING ADMIN COUNSELOR FOR ABOUT A MONTH TOLD ME CASUALLY THAT THE JUST DEPARTED ADMIN COUNSELOR WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT OUR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ERHEARD THE ADMIN COUNSELOR'S REACTION, WHICH IN SUMMARY SAID THAT FBIS NO DOUBT NEEDED ITS OWN STRUCTURE BUT THAT THOSE FBIS EMPLOYEES WHO HAD FUNCTIONS EQUIVALENT TO OTHER MISSION PERSONNEL SHOULD REMAIN ON THE FSN SYSTEM.
- THE BRIEF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE GSO OFFICER AND ME LAST WEEK ALSO INCLUDED THE LOCAL RAMC CHIEF, WHO HITHERTO HAD BEEN THE ONLY OFFICER TO COMMENT ON OUR WITHDRAWAL (SEE REF B). RAMC CHIEF SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH THE ADMIN COUNSELLOR'S FEELINGS BUT THAT IT WAS BETTER FROM RAMC'S POSITION IF ALL FBIS EMPLOYEES WERE ON A SINGLE SYSTEM.
- I REITERATED OUR FEELINGS AND POSITION, WHICH COINCIDED WITH GUIDANCE GIVEN IN REF A, AND DREW NO COUNTERARGUMENT. THUS FAR, NO OTHER LOCAL OFFICER HAS MENTIONED OUR WITHDRAWAL OR ASKED ABOUT FBIS PLANS. WILL REPORT FURTHER AS NECESSARY. RVW 20JUL02. DRV D9C.3. CONFIDENTIAL

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PORTIONS INADVERTENTLY OMMITTED FROM REF PARA 1 AS FOLLOWS: "DEPARTED ADMIN COUNSELOR WAS UNHAPPY, ABOUT OUR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SYSTEM. EVIDENTLY THE EMBASSY HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED NOTIFICATION AND THE GSO OFFICER OVERHEARD THE ADMIN COUNSELOR'S REACTION, WHICH IN SUMMARY SAID THAT FBIS NO DOUBT NEEDED ITS OWN STRUCTURE BUT" CONFIDENTIAL BUT"

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